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<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b>  <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>		FIRST NAMED INVENTOR Shigeo YAGUCHI	
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TRANSLATION	
YES	NO

	AJ	Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Ed., page 126, definition of "blunt"		
	AK	"Surgical Instruments 101, An Introduction to KMedic Certified Instruments" by Kapczynski, 1997, 15 pp		
	AL	"The History and Evolution of Surgical Instruments, IX, Scissors and Related Pivot-Controlled Cutting Instruments," by Kirkup, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Ann R. Coll Surg. Engl 1998, 80: 422-432		
	AM	<u>Combined Tactical Systems, Inc. v. Defense Tech. Corp. of America</u> , Southern Dist. Court of New York, Opinion dated April 4, 2006**		
	AN	Decision on Appeal, Ex Parte Khan, PTO Bd. Of Appeals and Interferences, Appeal No. 2007-2211, dated January 30, 2008*		

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